

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Lucchesi for the clarification provided to Applicants' representative Maria Comninou (Reg. No. 44,626 during a telephone conversation on July 7, 2011.

As discussed during the Examiner, the status of claims 4-9 was unclear because an Amendment canceling claims 4-9 could not be easily located in the image file wrapper of the application. Applicants submit that claims 4-9 were canceled with the Transmittal of New Application (TRNA) of December 20, 2000, a copy of which is appended to this Response.

Since previously examined claims 1-3 were canceled in the Amendment submitted on May 24, 2004, the rejection of claims 1-3 is moot. Previously presented claims 10-39 are now pending in the application.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the non-compliant Notice and passage to examination of the currently pending claims 10-39 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner

believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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